

EmComm Report – New Year’s resolutions to consider!

It’s time to start thinking about your New Year’s Resolutions! For 2023, consider making a New Year’s

Resolution concerning Emergency Communications. Here are a few to think about:

- **EmComm Training:** Take the EmComm curriculum of classes. These are taken online and are free, but there is a quiz! Even if you already taken them, do you need a refresher? FEMA IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, IS-800 courses are pre-requisites for taking the FEMA AuxComm course and provide basic information for participating in a disaster response. These courses introduce you to the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Incident Command System (ICS).

To register go to: <https://training.fema.gov/is/>. You will need to register for a FEMA Student ID (SID) before taking the classes. Enter the IS-100 in the search box to search for the first class.

- IS-0100: An Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS 100
 - IS-0200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS 200
 - IS-0700: An Introduction to the National Incident Management System
 - IS-0800: National Response Framework, an Introduction
- **AUXCOMM Training:** Now that you’ve completed the basic EmComm pre-requisite classes, you could sign up for an AuxComm class. The next one is offered January 14-15. This class is an in-person and in-depth class. If you’ve already taken AUXCOMM, have you completed your task book? AUXCOMM is the name used for all auxiliary (volunteer) emergency/public service communications. AUXCOMM encompasses amateur radio (“HAM”), RACES, CERT Team communications, and other non-public safety communications services. This two-day class is held at the Papago Park Military Reservation DEMA Emergency Management Classroom. Registration is required. Refer to the bulletin included in this Short Skip for more information.
 - **SKYWARN Training:** Learn about weather and help report weather conditions. This training is kicked-off in the spring. The weather services use the SKYWARN Spotter Network to obtain timely reports of current conditions. They especially need spotters in the more rural areas of the forecast area. Classes are offered via Webinar. To learn more about the Phoenix SKYWARN/Weather Spotter program visit the website: <https://www.weather.gov/psr/skywarn.html>
 - **Register with MCECG and volunteer for an event:** The Maricopa County Emergency Communications Group (MCECG) provides planning, safety, tactical, and logistical support using ham radio for public events such as marathons and bicycle races. They are not a club. There are no dues, no meetings. You sign up with them, create a user profile and then volunteer for events. To learn more, go to the website: <https://www.mcecg.net/>. Upcoming events needing volunteers include:
 - Sun 01/08/23 - XTERRA WHITE TANK TRAIL RUN
 - Sun 02/05/23 - PANCAKE RUN
 - Sat 02/18/23 - BLACK CANYON 100K
 - Sun 02/19/23 - LOST DUTCHMAN MARATHON
 - Sat 03/25/23 - CROWN KING SCRAMBLE
 - Sat 04/22/23 - ZANE GREY 100K

- Participate in the Arizona Emergency Net: Beginning in December, the Arizona Emergency Net (AEN-MAR) will be held once a month (it was previously once a week). It will be held the first Monday of each month at 9pm (after our club meeting!) starting Dec 6th. They do exercises and discuss how to use your ham radio to operate in a disaster scenario. Check out their website for more information: <http://www.aen-mar.org/>. The net is held on the following linked repeaters:
 - Mt. Ord: 146.92(- offset, 162.2 Hz Tone)
 - Shaw Butte: 147.24(+, 162.2 Hz)
 - Scottsdale Airpark: 146.76(-, 162.2 Hz)
 - Usery Mountain: 146.86 (-, 162.2 Hz)
 - Mingus Mountain: 146.82 (-, 162.2 Hz)
 - Daisy Mountain: 448.375 (-, 100.0 Hz)
- Pack a Go-Bag: Do you have a Go-bag ready for a rapid deployment? There are many YouTube videos that show ham go-bags and ham go-boxes (too many to list). Check them out for ideas.
- Get a new Radio: Hey, if you' re getting involved in EmComm, you deserve a shiny new Radio!
This is one New Year's Resolution that will be fun to fulfill!

I hope I've given some things to think about.